

10 September 2020

Dear Friends,

You will soon receive a packet in the mail from Archbishop Etienne, introducing you to the *Called to Serve as Christ Campaign*, which kicks off here at Mary, Queen of Peace this weekend. (If you don't receive a packet, please let us know so that we can make sure that we have the correct mailing address for you.) This campaign was initiated by Archbishop Sartain in 2017, and has been administered in different phases and waves in the past three years. MQP is part of the final wave of 70 parishes and missions this fall.

The campaign's overall goal is to raise \$100 million across the Archdiocese, in order to support three important areas:

- strengthening our archdiocese's **senior priest** retirement and medical plans;
- supporting the retirement and medical plans of **women's religious communities** who have served in our archdiocese for decades;
- providing financial support to **parishes**.

Our parish goal here at MQP is \$1.77 million. This is an extraordinary goal for our parish and for the archdiocese as a whole. Please know that Archbishop Etienne understands that this might not be a good time for you to make a pledge, given the current financial uncertainties. Also, please note that this is not a one-time gift, but that your pledge can be fulfilled over a several-year period, and that there are a variety of ways that your gift can be made.

MQP will receive back 15% of whatever amount we raise. Given our campaign goal, we have the potential to receive a rebate of \$256,000 (or more), which will go toward paying for our roof (finished in summer 2019) and skylight replacements (due to delays related to the pandemic, now scheduled for spring/summer 2021). Paying off this debt early will be very helpful in us having more funds available for the important ministries of our parish.

Carol Morgan, a long-time parishioner and current member of the Parish Finance Council, is serving as our parish campaign chair. She is leading a group of over 25 parishioners who have volunteered to help with this campaign. You will be hearing more from Carol and other volunteers during the campaign, which concludes on October 11th. Thank you to Carol and all the volunteers—as well as all of you for considering making a gift to this important campaign!

In addition to the packet you receive in the mail, you can find more information at:

www.calledtoserveaschrist.org

[www.calledtoserveaschrist.org/media/1/Mary%20Queen%20of%20Peace%20Sammamish%20\(117\)%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.calledtoserveaschrist.org/media/1/Mary%20Queen%20of%20Peace%20Sammamish%20(117)%20FINAL.pdf)

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Let's keep praying for peace and unity, and let's keep on making personal decisions each day with our own thoughts, words, and actions that contribute to peace and unity in our world!

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Chad Green